



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Lincoln Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

The Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge in Lincoln, Nebraska, on April 3, 2009, sentenced Joshua Larsen to 24 months imprisonment following his conviction for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Mr. Larsen was previously convicted in the District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska, in 2007 for operating a motor vehicle to avoid arrest, and attempted theft by unlawful taking. Both crimes were felonies. In September of 2008, Mr. Larsen was involved in a burglary with two other individuals and stole numerous firearms from a Lincoln residence. Later that month, Larsen sold two of the firearms to an undercover officer and was subsequently arrested. Mr. Larsen was indicted by a federal grand jury in October, 2008, pled guilty in January, 2009, and was sentenced on April 3, 2009.

Name of Defendant: Joshua Larsen

AKA:

Age: 21

City of Residence: Lincoln, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty: Felon in Possession of a Firearm - 10 years imprisonment; \$250,000 fine; 3 years term of supervised release, and \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Lincoln, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: N/A

Others Charged in Same Scheme: None

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: 09/18/2008

Federal Arrest Date: N/A

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: 10/22/2008

Initial Appearance Date: 11/05/2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): 01/15/2009

Sentencing Date: 04/03/2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: David Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held without Bond

In Continuous Custody Since: 09/18/2008

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard Kopf

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